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1. The Timbaximbi mine, with a rail-haul of about 130 miles to Pretoria, continues to be a major source of iron ore for ISCOR's two blast furnace operations (one at Vanderbijl Park, two 800-ton furnaces; the other at Pretoria, two 600-ton and one 700-ton furnaces).
2. The company's new iron ore mine at Shishen is in operation and rapidly increasing production. Equipment is being installed to handle from six to eight hundred thousand tons of ore per year. This mine is only a short distance from the railroad terminal at Lohatla. Freight costs on this ore are considerably higher than from the other mine (haul about 500 miles), but the ore has a slightly higher iron (Fe) content.
3. The Dominion Iron and Steel Corporation's iron ore operation at Alstons East Transvaal, has been discontinued since about January 1954. Their plant was planned for an investment of £1,500,000 but after some £500,000 including £100,000 for a Krupp Renn kiln had been invested at the site, the activity was stopped. [REDACTED] whether it is a permanent or temporary arrangement.

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